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The heavy expenses entailed upon the City in supporting the Fire Department, has for some time past been dwelt upon and discussed by the Journals of the day, and gross mis-statements have been made, when treating of the subject, which have had the effect of placing the Department in an unenviable position. More than three quarters of all that is said and done in connection with the Fire Department, is founded upon that great elevator of some men's aspirations "Bunkum."

If all the outlay which has been set down to the debit of the Fire Department was really expended and appropriated for that branch of the civil government, every engine in the Department could run with gold hubs to the wheels, and the "tormentors" of each hook and ladder truck could be set with brilliants. In times gone by, appropriations on top of appropriations were passed ostensibly for the support of the Fire Department, not one dollar of which was ever expended for that purpose—we have the documents in our possession to substantiate our statement, to which at the proper time we shall give publicity. Citizens have been constructed of a certain size, and the builders have had inducements held out to them to return them in at a different size, larger than they were constructed, so that bills could be made out that they held so much more water than they in reality did, and were larger than they in reality were. Bills for constructing such cisterns, were passed without the approval of the Chief Engineer—paid—charged to the Fire Department, the members of which were compelled to bear the odium. Every request that is made of the proper authorities for the necessary requirements of the Department, goes in, in the size of a mole hill, and comes out most mysteriously in the dimensions of a mountain. Trifling as the repair may be, which requires official sanction before it can be executed, it is made the subject of so much comment, that the mass of the citizens are impressed with the belief that the Department is drawing thousands from its already depleted treasury, instead of asking for a small modicum from that treasury to assist in keeping it from outright bankruptcy.

The present Chief Engineer assumed the duties of his position on the 13th of December, 1885, on the 16th of the same month, the Fire and Water Committee came to the conclusion that it would be well to establish the Corporation yard, so as to have an accumulation of its practical effects, and although satisfied with the exhibit made, abolished the institution on the 16th of the present month, after it had been in operation three months.

The total expenses of the yard for that period, including every expense of the Department, mending hose, (7,000 feet) repairing apparatus, purchasing oil and stock, and in fact every attribute necessary to keep it perfect, amounted to \$1697.26, being on an average of \$565.75 per month, which if the same good fortune attends the Department for the future, as it has for the past term, will swell the amount to about \$7,000. Add to this the amount of salaries of all those connected with the Department until December 16, 1885, and we have the total expense of the organization for the year at \$29,999.92. Allowing for injuries that may be sustained by the apparatus, loss of hose, etc., and incidental expenses \$2,800.08, (which is a very large margin) and the sum total will be \$32,800.00. The losses by fire during the same time have been but \$10,000, averaging \$333.33 per month. With prudence and care, the coming season of winds need not be characterized by any of those disastrous conflagrations which marked its predecessor. With the usual promptitude of the Department, we are confident that the losses by fire this year, will be less than any previous year since the organization of the same. By a voluntary act of the Board of Delegates, representing the Department, the salaries of the officials attached thereto have been reduced, which will be a saving to the City next year of \$3,000. The present absolute requirements of the Department are the purchase of ten thousand feet of hose, new engines for Nos. 6 and 10, and the repair of the battery on the City Hall where there are met the expenses of the Department need not exceed, (including every expense) \$25,000 per annum. We make this statement at this time, to do away in a measure with that false impression, that the Fire Department is an extravagant in its demands, and we assure the tax payers, that the Department is the least expensive branch of the City government.

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The following articles were translated from *Le Phare*, *Le Messager* and *Echo du Pacifique*, relative to the action of the Board of Delegates, in sustaining the amendment of Mr. Hoff, will prove interesting to our readers.

From *Le Phare*, Tuesday, March 24.

At one of the last meetings of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, Mr. Hoff proposed an amendment to the law, the adoption of which rendered the qualifications of an American citizen necessary, to become a member of this Corporation, and thereby excluded in consequence our brave French firemen from being members of the Fire Department.

The *Fireman's Journal* in its preceding number, constituted itself the advocate of this Anti-Republicanism measure, entirely contrary to the fundamental principles of the Union.

Mr. Cobb, Foreman of the Company, addressed a letter to this Journal, in which he complained of such an amendment, which would result in the disbandment of a company formed at the expense of so much toil, devotion and outlay—*Journal* further adds our worthy commander your amendment is Anti-National and contrary to the professions made by the Pioneers of California, as they had induced immigration by all possible means and persuasion.

The *Fireman's Journal* answers that if it had foreseen that its reflections on Mr. Hoff's proposition, would have had the effect of injuring the Lafayette Company, it would not have made them. That the sincere predilection which the editor professes for this company, has always been represented by deeds, not by words; that the company in question was worthy in every way the respect of the community, that its situation was evidently more interesting than that of any of the others, and that the action taken in the matter was not definite, and has yet to be confirmed.

From *Le Messager* Monday, March 23.

We regret to learn through the *Fireman's Journal*, that an amendment to the Fire Department regulations, proposed by Mr. Hoff, exacts that all the members of that corporation shall be American Citizens. Mr. Cobb complains with reason in a letter addressed to the *Fireman's Journal*, of the injustice which excludes a large portion of the Lafayette Company from the Department. The *Fireman's Journal* answers that Mr. Hoff's amendment upon his adopted upon his assurance that it could do no damage to the Lafayette Co. (Then follows a translation of the major portion of our editorial remarks of last Saturday.) We give these details to cause the sentiment of some Americans in regard to our brave firemen to be made known. Without doubt they have the affection and esteem of a majority of the wealthy portion of the Department; but there are also a few curious individuals who do not wish to see strangers occupying honorable positions or even rendering services to the public. These not without reason, because they are not yet sufficiently known; but when their treacherous acts shall have sufficiently betrayed them, they will receive from public opinion, and the press the recompense they merit.

From *Echo du Pacifique*, Tuesday, March 25.

Mr. Hoff has lately proposed to the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, an amendment to Section 5 of the state law, regulating this important branch of public service. This amendment was first lost, and then adopted by a majority of a single vote. By this vote, all members of Fire companies must be American citizens; the result of which would effectually disband the Lafayette company, should the Legislature conform the action of the Board of Delegates.

A long letter from Mr. Cobb, foreman of the Lafayette Company, addressed to the *Fireman's Journal*, shows up with great force the gratuitous offense, which this measure levels at the French Co. We will not make one remark towards maintaining the position assumed by Mr. Cobb. Should an American fail in the water, and a Frenchman wished to render him assistance, would the American ask the Frenchman if he was a native-born citizen? With doubt No! Well, if a Frenchman wishes to aid any one exposed to the loss of life or property by the fire, so frequently occurring among us, should he be previously told to doing, to what nation does he belong? No! There must be but one thought between men, when their aim is disinterested. For the performance of good actions, there is no nation. Public interests are identical, for truth and good actions are one and indivisible. Let our friends, the Americans believe us, it is a great fault to intermingling politics in such matters. It is a poor way to practice the principles of Christian brotherhood, which are the attributes of true republicanism. But we have the conviction that our Legislature will not ratify a law ridiculous enough to prohibit foreigners from extinguishing fires, which may threaten their own or their neighbors property.

In the Bill which passed the Assembly on Monday, amending the State Law governing the Fire Department, the obnoxious amendment of which the above treatise was not inserted. In our opinion it is just as well that the results have been as they are. The bearing of that amendment we are assured, would affect the membership of at least two hundred firemen, who for years have done active duty in the Department, which when the sworn returns of the position of each company were sent in, would entirely throw them out of the organization. It must therefore be gratifying even to those who voted for the measure, that the amendment was not passed, for it must be conceded that the proper and just consideration of a question so momentous to the welfare of the Department, and of so great interest to those who would come under its consumption, was not given it when presented to the Board of Delegates. We are confident that the defeat of the amendment will have the effect of harmonizing the Department generally, and we hope the matter will never be resuscitated into life again—we shall oppose both as a Delegate, and through this medium, any further agitation on the subject.

Cowling's Contract.

An injunction has been issued out of Judge Sisk's Court, so restrain Captain Cowling, from fulfilling his contract, on the firemen's pretense that there was collusion in the bidding making the award. We don't believe a word of it. We have an excellent case for disbelieving it, and it is that Capt. Cowling had the contract last year, and fulfilled its requirements with a fidelity and honesty of purpose, which in our experience never before characterized any city contract. The firemen, the only parties that are really interested in the claim contract, and here always have, and are now laid in, their prices of Captain Cowling, who never permitted their efficiency to be subjected for a moment. At every bid of any importance for nearly eighteen months, the contract was given to Capt. Cowling, that moment the terms of Capt. Cowling were on hand to replace the water in the city. It appears to us, that Judge Sisk should have been more justly concerned that there was fraud in the award of the contract to Capt. Cowling, before he issued the injunction putting an end to all further repairs and filling of the claims. Judge Sisk is an all-wise man as we are, that the firemen could not draw from a city's treasury a liquid fund, to check a contracting.

To be WISEMAN.—It is said that after the first of the coming month, the expenses of G. H. Wilson & Co. and Long & Co. will be withdrawn from the Sacramento river, in which the competition then would be solely between the Pacific Express and Wells, Fargo & Co.

FALSE ALARMS.—So frequent and unnecessary have been the alarms of fire during the past week, that by reference to another column it will be seen that the Chief Engineer offers a reward of one hundred dollars for the detection of any person creating a false alarm of fire. Two Hall bell alarms have been struck, one in the second, and the other in the seventh district, for which there was not the slightest occasion. There was some palliation for the latter, but as to the former, there was not the slightest necessity. We should judge that the bell ringers ought to have discrimination enough to know that the Department could not reach Sausalito in time to send a fire.

The false alarms which have induced the Chief to offer a reward to discover the authors of, we look upon as a disgrace to the Department, as it is plainly rumored the firemen are cognizant of their time and place. We make no charges, because our information is too indefinite, but were it sufficiently tangible to warrant it, we would expose the guilty parties by name, company and number. If the system of false alarms of fire is to be kept up, we sincerely trust that the luxury of leaving a comfortable bed at 12 o'clock at night may not be confined to the companies which are located "down town," but that some liberality will be shown towards the "up towners," and that the next pile of shavings, or bundle of straw which careless citizens throw in the street, for designing men to ignite, may be placed at Washington square, so that the Department will be allowed to gain an elevation, instead of being permitted to run down (down) as it has for a week. We also hope that when the "Aurora Borealis" lights up the Heavens, the bell ringers will not give the alarm until the Department has some show of reaching the scene in time to be effective.

CHIEF ENGINEERSHIP.—From the New York papers we glean the fact that a change in the Chief Executive of the New York Fire Department is contemplated, and it appears that the leading friends of Mr. Carson, the present incumbent, have already selected a candidate upon whom they can unite. The *Mercury* in giving information on the matter, states that at present it cannot give him name without committing a breach of confidence, and goes on to say that the party alluded to on being addressed on the subject, in the course of his reply, made use of the following language:

"Of course, I cannot but feel flattered at the language used in your letter in reference to myself, but I must frankly say that I never have had nor do I now have, any aspirations for the office of Chief Engineer. The interest I have always had in the Fire Department has been purely from the love of its duties, its associations, and its excitement; and though willing to serve it in any capacity to which its members may call me, there are important considerations to which I must give heed before taking again an active part in it. You must allow me a little time to reflect before giving you a decided answer to your inquiry; but this I will say, that should I permit my name to be used as a candidate for the office of Chief Engineer, and succeed in being elected, I shall take the office not from any benefit to be derived from it in a pecuniary way, but to give my humble efforts to the elevation of its character and efficiency; and, as proof of the former, I here pledge myself that, if elected, I shall, during the whole period in which I may hold the office, appropriate the entire salary in this way: one-half to the Charitable Fund, and the other in suitable rewards to such companies in each district as may by their efficiency and conduct prove themselves most entitled to them."

The *Mercury* states in conclusion, that the candidate has been a fireman for twelve years, well known to the Department, is thirty-three years of age, and is in possession of an ample fortune. His remaining *incog* as a matter of course produces the liveliest interest among the firemen to know who he is. The concluding portion of the extract from his letter, shows that he is worthy of just such an honor as being Chief Engineer of the New York Fire Department.

H. A. COBB.—The resignation of H. A. Cobb, as the Foreman of Lafayette Co. has not been accepted, for the present at any rate. It would be original on the part of that company to allow Mr. C. to retire from the position of Chief officer. Without being invidious, we are confident there is no man in the company more fitted in every particular for that station, or one who will battle for their interest and prosperity, with the same zeal and tenacity as he does. We have never interfered with the local affairs of any company, neither shall we now, but we are well assured that permanency in office is paramount, and that the welfare of a company mainly depends upon their well-disposed efforts. The Lafayette's meet on Tuesday evening next, when it would be well to finally dispose of Mr. Cobb's resignation by indefinitely postponing its consideration.

DR. JOSEPH LYN.—Just as we expected, this individual, who shot a man named Walsh, some time since, in his office at the corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets, for the reason that Walsh charged him with malpractice, has been discharged by the Grand Jury. If it is not an impertinent question, we should like to know if Walsh was a witness before that Grand Jury?

"TESTIMONY."—It is informed that James King of William was the treasurer of the Haight Testimonial Fund. This money was deposited by him in the general funds of Adams Co., instead of being placed there as a special deposit. The result was, that it was lost in the financial meliorism which engulfed that house.

THE MILITARY.—On the outside may be found the proceedings of the Board of officers of the Second Division, at the meeting on Saturday evening, together with a copy of the memorial presented to the Legislature. For consideration given us upon the above occasion—we express our warmest thanks.

THE "UNION."—The Union Hotel, on the Plaza, has been leased by two well gentlemen of this city, and is being refitted up, preparatory to its opening on the 30th of April. There will be a saloon, billiard room, and restaurant connected with it. The upper portion of the building will be let for sleeping rooms, also for committee and other meetings.

REORGANIZATION.—The New York *Mercury* is opposed to rotation in office in the Fire Department, but thinks when an honest, capable and fit man is in position, he should not be ousted to give way to the petty jealousy and aspirations of the clique which may be in existence.

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Letter from Stockholm.

REPORTER MARCH 28, 1886.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.—In reply to a communication, dated March 18th, from Pipe, purporting to be a description of a trial, between the different Fire Companies of this place, and as it seems to have been a very indefinite description, and not wholly confined to facts, I feel in duty bound, to correct the gentleman, (Mr. Pipe) But, as the editor could not define that portion of his letter, relating to the distance thrown, on the first trial, I will say nothing of it. I think however, that at the second trial, between the Weber and Eureka, (the first having been with the San Joaquin and Eureka.) When he says the Eureka was 12 feet ahead, he was laboring under an optical delusion, for I am certain it can be proven if necessary, that a gentleman won two hundred dollars, which he bet on the second trial, in favor of the Weber, as she is said to have beaten the Eureka, 15 feet. So satisfied were the parties who made the bet however, that the Weber was winner, they ordered the person who held the stakes, to pay if over, which was done. I perfectly agree with him on the third trial—but on the fourth, tub and tub, he says: the Weber was washed in 49 seconds—I admit it! but does he tell you how it was done, and under what advantages they played? Not a bit of it. They the Eureka's, had four relays of men in those 49 seconds, and the Weber had no change—There were 22 men on the Weber, and the Eureka had 35, and four changes were made in that short space of time, by the Eureka, who ought to have beaten, or else have thrown their machine away, under the circumstances.

Our informant (Pipe), further says, that the Eureka, requested the Weber to give them water, which they declined. Now, as to the reason, and I think Pipe knew when he wrote that communication, why the Weber refused to play; but I will try and refresh his memory. Their company, so I am informed by the secretary, has 60 enrolled members, while the Weber have but 34. The foreman of the Weber, agreed to furnish them water, on these conditions, that they should have 10 men more than the Weber, which was giving them a great advantage. Oh no! They were not satisfied with this, but wished their own way, and agreed to play, providing the Weber gave them every advantage. When they refused to play with the Weber even handed, or as was proposed in the ten men more, it is proof conclusive, in my opinion, that they were fearful of being beaten, worse than they were at the second trial. But, if at any time, the Eureka feel disposed to play with the Weber, I think they need not be behind, but will give them the ten men, they offered them, and if beaten, will pay for as good a supper, as can be served up in the state, with this proviso, however, that there shall be no pan-fish, used on the occasion. I will not say that my wife, will be more interesting, but if Pipe wishes to give a glowing description of an Engine trial again, I hope he will confine himself wholly to facts, and be a little more definite. Yours truly, R. N.

WM. McKIBBIN.—In reading the remarks of Judge Hagar, in ordering the City Treasurer to pay over the monies to the Fund Commissioners, we observe that he expresses the opinion that Mr. McKibbin is not the judge, as to the validity of the bonds, upon which he pays out money. In the particular case alluded to, we take the liberty of differing with the Judge, and refer him to the 6th Section, chapter 88th, of the Corporation Manual, in which it says, when speaking of the commissioners "Before entering upon their office, the said commissioners shall give bonds 'to the said city by its corporate name, to be approved by the Common Council.'" The bonds of the commissioners were not approved by the Common Council, for the reason that body recognized the loss of the original ones, when Mr. McKibbin was called upon to pay over, new bonds had not been filed as approved by the Common Council, and the City Treasurer would have been liable himself for any amount paid out, until the renewed bonds were approved. In acting in a careful and proper way, Mr. McKibbin has been assailed in the most vindictive manner, his integrity and honor, questioned by those, who were they to live a thousand years, would not possess as much sincere honesty in their whole composition as is contained in the smallest portion of his body. When Mr. McKibbin does a dishonest act, it will be when bankrupt and dishonest bankers pay back to the widows and orphans voluntarily, that which they deprived them of by false pretenses.

WALTER & TOMPKINS.—By the late arrivals, Messrs. Walter & Tompkins, No. 170 Montgomery street, have received a new and splendid outfit, for their already elegant stock of clothing, finer and more neatly made than any yet received in this metropolis, and it is a bad precedent to establish "that dress makes the man." It cannot be denied that in the abstract, it goes a great way, towards securing one success and favor. Therefore, those who desire to attain such indispensable requisites, should visit Walter & Tompkins, Fire, Military companies or individuals desiring uniforms or clothing from the States, can by leaving their measure with W. & T., procure the same within sixty days after leaving their orders.

PROPER.—The Board of Delegates of the Sacramento Fire Department, at a meeting held, on Wednesday evening, passed a resolution, commending Capt. W. M. Haddon, as a member of the Fire Department, for the misrepresentations he had made to procure signatures to a petition addressed to the Governor to veto the act recently passed by the Senate and Assembly, giving the Fire Department of that city a new Constitution. If such is the interest Capt. Haddon takes in the Department to which he is attached, his resignation, we should imagine would be acceptable.

RECOGNITION.—The old distillery in Kent street, Brooklyn, known as "Cross", was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday, March 25, involving a loss of twenty-eight hundred dollars. While returning from the fire, a fight took place between engine companies 4 and 6 of the Eastern district, during which "mischief of all sorts" were freely used and quite a number of firemen, more or less injured. "Red" companies "claim" to have been first assaulted. The Chief Engineer looked on with a smiling face, pending the investigation.

MATHATTAN.—The benefit given to Mathattan 2, on Saturday evening last, netted about six hundred and fifty dollars. The silver cup for the best runner was won by Hugh McGroarty, a member of Manhattan Hose.

REPAIRS.—The statement in the *Star*, that the bell plate of Empire 1, was so badly damaged as to require repairs. It is intimated that it was the doing of the watermen.

THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL.

THE METROPOLITAN.—Mlle Duret, a lady who has won for herself a host of friends, by her talent and refined manner both on and off the stage, and by her superior talents as an actress, commenced an engagement at the Metropolitan on Monday evening, and has been very successful in drawing highly pleased, discriminating assemblages. "Adrienne," "Pasio," "Love," and "Jack Sheppard," have been presented with great care, and in sustaining the leading characters, Mlle Duret has gratified her audiences and added still further to her theatrical fame—Mrs. Judah the best actress in her line, and one, every theatre goes delights to greet, has performed during the week, as usual with unbounded satisfaction to those present—Mr. Wheatleigh, we are glad to see forms a portion of the Metropolitan Company, always correct in dress, part and bearing he is an unexceptionable performer. O. A. King of the "Forrest Theatre" Sacramento, is stage manager at the Metropolitan. To night "Jack Sheppard" will be performed, of course to a crowded house.

SAN FRANCISCO HALL.—Mr. Maguire's last and good management, in conducting the affairs of the San Francisco Minstrels, has as a matter of course, been the means of rendering that institution prosperous and as well patronized as any public place of amusement in the city. The ladies, who visit the entertainments, of the Minstrels each night, are the criterion to judge by, as to their merits as performers, and their claims to patronage. Wherever a performance may be given, let it be composed of what it may, unless it is honored by the presence of female grace, elegance and refinement, all its charm is lost. Let all managers think of this, and so order their amusements, that the most delicate and sensitive need not fear, that the sensibilities will be shocked, or the ear offended by anything which may be done or said. The managers of public places of amusements in this city, have generally been very particular in the respect we speak of, and none more so, than Mr. Maguire. The presence of ladies, attracts the other sex, and therefore it becomes not only a source of pleasure, but of profit, to regard their tastes upon every occasion. During the week, the Minstrels have been doing an excellent business, and whoever invents to witness the entertainments of the Hall, receives back four fold the amount in real pleasure.

Fires and Alarms for the Week.

March 24th 7 P. M.—Hall bell alarm, second district; fire at Sausalito. The entire Department out—proceeded to the corner of Powell and Pacific streets, and returned.

March 24th, 12 M.—Alarm from California bell. Portion of the Department out—cause pile of shavings set on fire in rear of Donahue's foundry on First street—no damage.

March 25th, 2 P. M.—Alarm from Monument bell—cause smoke issuing from a disreputable stove pipe on Commercial street. No damage—portion of the Department out.

March 25th, 12 M.—Hall bell alarm—Seventh district, (struck wrong) pile of shavings on Third street, rear of the Mission. The entire Department out—no damage.

March 27th, 2 P. M.—Alarm from Pacific 8 bell. Portion of the Department out—no fire—no damage.

CARSON'S STRIKING APPARATUS.—We are informed that Mr. J. L. Van Bokkelen has the patent right for this State to affix Carson's Striking Apparatus, whenever it may be needed. The price at which he offers to erect one on the City Hall bell, (six hundred dollars), is four hundred less than the usual price, and it is now doubtful whether the proposed alteration, recommended by the Chief Engineer, can be made at the first named price, as there has been no contract made with the patentee, as a matter of course, he is at liberty to charge what he may deem his article worth, for this reason it would be advisable to secure the apparatus at a saving of four hundred dollars.

VIOLANT 9.—This company contemplates a visit to Marysville early in May, but as yet no definite arrangements have been made to carry it into effect. From what we can understand, the Marysville boys are only waiting for the opportunity to extend the "freedom" of their city, to the "Nines", and from personal experience, we can inform the "Nines", that if they do go to Marysville, it will require all their Vigils, to prevent their members from being killed by kindness.

PHYSICIANS.—A meeting of the Board of Physicians of the San Francisco Fire Department, will be held this evening, in the Chamber of the Board of Delegates, City Hall, for the purpose of organization, and adopting rules whereby the members will be guided in the performance of their duties to the Department.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.—Henry H. Howard, Eliza Kingland, Noah L. Farnham, Peter N. Cornwell, John Baulch, John Greger, Charles Miller, John Decker, Timothy L. West, Jacobbe, have been nominated for assistant engineers of the New York Fire Department. The election took place on the 20th of March.

FIRE CONVOY.—The members of the New York Fire Department are opposed to electing a Fire Officer out of the organization, and have remonstrated against it.

REWARDS.—Twelve hundred and fifty dollars have been appropriated by the Common Council of New York, for the purchase of runners for the apparatus, to be used in the winter season.

NATIONAL GUARD.—A special meeting of the National Guard, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SACRAMENTO.—Will the Secretary of the Sacramento Fire Department, please transmit to a copy of the new state law, just passed, affecting its government.

RESIGNATION.—George W. Glavin has resigned the foremanship of the San Francisco Hook and Ladder Company, he being about to leave for the Atlantic States.

THANKS.—To Dorian & Meriam—Jerry Sullivan and Sandy Glavin, for papers, magazines, books, &c., by the late arrivals.

San Francisco Fire Dept.

At the request of a majority of those gentlemen elected as the last meeting of the Board of Delegates, to complete the list of the San Francisco Fire Department, a meeting will be held this (Saturday) evening, March 29, by the sherriff notified at the chambers of the Board of Delegates, City Hall, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organization.

By order, MARION D. BORUCK, Sec'y S. F. F. D.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HOVER BELL Co. No. 6.—The Annual meeting of the company for the election of officers will be held on Tuesday evening, April 1, at 7 o'clock. A full and punctual attendance is requested.

By order, CHAS. H. CHASE, Secretary.

EMPIRE No. 1.—The Regular Monthly meeting of your Company will be held on Friday evening April 4, at 7 o'clock. By order, T. HENRY FLANDIN, Secretary.

HOWARD No. 3.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, April 2, at 7 o'clock. By order, GEORGE A. DAVIS, Secretary.

VOLUNTEER No. 7.—The Regular monthly meeting of your Company will be held on Thursday evening next, April 2, at 7 o'clock. By order, WM. SPICKER, Secretary.

PACIFIC No. 9.—The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next, April 1, at 7 o'clock. By order, WM. SPICKER, Secretary.

COLUMBIAN No. 11.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, April 2, at 7 o'clock. By order, S. G. VANDEVER, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA No. 15.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, April 2, at 7 o'clock. By order, JAMES S. THOMSON, Secretary.

YOUNG AMERICA No. 18.—The Regular Monthly meeting of your Company will be held on Friday evening next, April 4, at 7 o'clock. By order, M. LYONS, Secretary.

TIGER No. 14.—The Regular monthly meeting of your Company will be held at the engine house on Friday evening next, April 4, at 7 o'clock. By order, J. SEWALL REED, Secretary.

ST. FRANCIS R. & L. 1.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, April 2, at 7 o'clock. By order, GEO. A. WORN, Secretary.

LAFAYETTE R. & L. No. 2.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, April 3, at 7 o'clock. By order, ROBERT, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA No. 4.—The Regular weekly Drill of the company will take place on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock. By order, ADAM T. GREEN, Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—The adjourned meeting of the Officers of the Volunteer companies of this city, will be held at the 4th District Court Room on Monday evening, the 31st inst. at 7 o'clock. J. W. STILLMAN, Sec'y

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

Chief Engineer's Office City Hall, March 28, 1886.

I hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of any person creating false alarms of fire.

All parties are notified under penalty of the law, to desist from throwing shavings or straw, or any other combustible matter in the streets. JAMES B. NUTTMAN, Chief Engineer, S. F. F. D.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.

BENEFIT OF Mlle MARIE DURET.

On this (Saturday) evening March 28th 1886 will be presented the elegant play of CAMILLE.

Camille Gauthier.....Mlle Duret  
Armand Duval.....Whitfield  
Gaston Le Gal.....Ond  
Duval.....Ryer

—PRICES OF ADMISSION—  
Dress Circle and Parquette.....\$1.00  
Orchestra Boxes.....\$2.00  
Private Boxes.....\$6 to \$10  
Second and Third Tier.....50 cents  
Doors will open at 4 to 7—Curtain rises 7 1/2 precisely

THE CHEAPEST WOOD AND COAL YARD IN THE CITY.

CHARLES GALLAGHER, respectfully informs the public that he has opened

WOOD AND COAL YARD ON WASHINGTON street, between Drumm and East, where he intends to keep a varied assortment of COAL.

He has at present—  
West Hartley,  
Scotch Splint,  
Lackawanna,  
Cumberland, (in cars),  
Bellingham Bay,  
Conco Bay,  
&c., &c., &c.

The WOOD YARD is supplied with the best article of wood brought to this market.

Attached to the Yard is a saw run by steam, by which customers can have the wood cut at any length at the shortest notice. Orders for the above solicited. Wood or Coal delivered to any part of the city, cartage free.

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